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On June 30, 2015, the Board of Supervisors adopted County Policy No. 3.020, Clean Fuel - Sustainable Fleet, which incorporates sustainable fleet principles to improve air quality, reduce fuel consumption and decrease greenhouse gas emissions. To achieve these goals, the County's new Clean Fuel - Sustainable Fleet policy also updated vehicle fleet replacement standards for the first time since 1968, adopting a recommended replacement cycle for non-emergency sedans of 8 years or 115,000 miles.

In 2014, the Internal Services Department, noting the recent increase in maintenance costs for its aging fleet of 3,891 vehicles, engaged a fleet management consultant, Mercury Associates, Inc., to evaluate the County's fleet and to make appropriate fleet replacement policy recommendations. The fleet management report indicated that 64% of the ISD-managed fleet exceeded recommended replacement criteria, with an average age of 9.3 years, suggesting an average replacement cycle of 18.6 years. The report further recommended that the County invest \$15.9 million per year to meet its fleet replacement policy goal – significantly more than the County has invested since the recession that began in 2008.

In the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-16 Supplemental Changes Budget, the Interim Chief

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Executive Officer has proposed spending \$5.4 million of prior-year carryover funds to replace approximately 160 of the County's oldest and highest-mileage vehicles in twelve County departments. In addition, the Interim CEO has proposed depositing an additional \$5,791,000 into the Motor Vehicle Accumulated Outlay Fund to make additional vehicle purchases in FY 2016-17. Because these amounts are significantly below the fleet consultant's annual replacement funding recommendation of \$15.9 million, even after these \$11.1 million in vehicle purchases, the County's average vehicle age will continue to increase.

WE, THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Supervisors instruct the Interim Chief Executive Officer and the Director of the Internal Services Department to take all necessary steps to accelerate County vehicle replacement by using at least 50% of the \$5,791,000 appropriation in Supplemental Budget Adjustment No. 61 to replace aging County vehicles in FY 2015-16.

WE, FURTHER MOVE that the Board of Supervisors instruct the Interim Chief Executive Officer and the Director of the Internal Services Department to submit a report in 30 days that provides the following:

1. A report on maximizing all available California Air Resources Board "clean car" rebates (which provide up to \$5,500 rebates per vehicle, for public agency purchases) and/or other purchasing subsidies and rebates in FY 2015-16.
2. A recommendation on a potential funding level for vehicle purchases in FY 2016-17, considering "clean car" rebate availability, average vehicle age and other County commitments and obligations.